



THE
WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Sociology reveals insights about human life by studying people and the societies in which they live. Students enjoy this subject if they are inquisitive, fascinated by the world around them and motivated to find out more. Sociology at Worthgate offers a diverse and challenging range of topics by exploring social research methodologies and theories. Sociology students can acquire sought-after skills in thinking critically and reading intentionally, which they carry with them into other subjects, to university and their adult lives.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in, and a desire to study social life are essential, along with curiosity about the research and problem solving.
Good passes in GCSE subjects or equivalent
IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

EXAM BOARD

AQA

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1	Year 2
Component 4.1. – Education with Theories and Methods	Component 4.3 – Crime and Deviance with Theories and Methods
Component 4.2.1 – Topics in Sociology: Culture and Identity	Component 4.2.6 – Topics in Sociology: Global Development

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ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.

Grades are determined by three examined modules. Final examinations take place in May/June at the end of the 2-year course.

An end of year exam must be passed for entry to year 2 and a mock exam must be passed for entry into the public exams.

Paper	Length of paper	Weighting
Component 1. Education with Theories and Methods	80 marks 2 hours written paper	33.3% of A level
Component 2. Topics in Sociology	80 marks 2 hours written paper	33.3% of A level
Component 3. Crime and Deviance with Theories and Methods	80 marks 2 hours written paper	33.3% of A level

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Sociology for AQA Volume 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level	978-0745691305	Ken Browne
Sociology for AQA Volume 2: 2nd-Year A Level	978-0745696942	Ken Browne, Jonathan Blundell, Pamela Law

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision. There are revision guides available for both AS and A2.





HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Sociology requires analysis of evidence, decision-making and effective communication, all skills which are highly valued by universities and employers. Sociology is popular with students who wish to read any of the human and social sciences at university and enter careers in a range of industries, including Law, Politics, International Relations, Psychology, Counselling, Marketing, Environmental Policy and Business Management. Previous sociology students have gained acceptance in undergraduate courses in Sociology, Law, Business at prestigious Russell group universities such as LSE and UCL.

COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS OF STUDY

History; Psychology.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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